



PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Yoshiya TOMATSU

Group Art Unit: 2852

Application No.: 10/773,206

Examiner: H. NGO

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For: THERMAL FIXING DEVICE AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired September 10, 2005, an extension of time for a period of one month is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 171361 in the amount of \$120.00 in payment for:

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